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SUBJ: CYPRUS: JULY 20 NAC, THIRD SESSION

REF: (A) USNATO 4006. (B) USNATO 4007

BEGIN SUMMARY. NAC RECONVENED AFTERNOON JULY 20 FOR MILITARY

BRIEFING AND FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS SITUATION. NO

FURTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED, BUT LUNS WILL RECALL NAC AND/OR

"CYPRUS GROUP" INTO SESSION ON TWO-HOURS NOTICE AS NECESSARY.

END SUMMARY.

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1. CHORAFAS (GREECE) LED OFF MEETING WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF CYPRUS WAS ON A WAR FOOTING, INCLUDING PRO-MARKARIOS AND COMMUNIST SEGMENTS, AND PEOPLE ARE UNITED AGAINST TURKISH INVADERS. IN FACT, PONTASIS (SIC), A KEY PRO-MARKARIOS

FIGURE NOW IN PRISON, HAS ASKED TO BE RELEASED TO JOIN A VOLUNTEER CIVILIAN UNIT TO FIGHT THE TURKS. TULUMEN (TURKEY) REJECTED THIS INFORMATION, STATING HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE ASKING WHY TURKEY TOOK SO LONG.

2. ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, THEN INTRODUCED A BRIEF OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION AS SEEN BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS TO MONITOR THE SITUATION SO AS TO ADVISE THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MILITARY ASPECTS, HE NOTED THAT THE BRIEF WAS SOMEWHAT THIN AND BASED LARGELY ON PRESS ACCOUNTS VERIFIED INsofar AS POSSIBLE. HILL-NORTON REMINDED COUNCIL THAT NATO HAS NO INFORMATION GATHERING APPARATUS, BUT MUST RELY ENTIRELY ON NATIONS. BRIEFING ITSELF WAS HIGHLIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. TURKISH FORCES NOW HAVE 4000-6000 MEN ASHORE
- B. FIGHTING REPORTED IN NICOSIA, LIMASSOL AND KYRENIA. NICOSIA AIRPORT MAY BE OUT OF COMMISSION.
- C. UN FORCES INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO SEPARATE OPPOSING FORCES.
- D. MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN 14 PROVINCES OF TURKEY NEAR GREEK BORDER; AIR AND SEA DANGER ZONES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.
- E. ACCORDING TO PENTAGON, SEVEN (7) SOVIET AIRBORNE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT. BRIEFER NOTED THIS WAS USUAL SOVIET PRECAUTION UNDER ALMOST ANY CRISIS SITUATION WHEREVER OCCURRING.
- F. BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO POLAND STILL ON (BRIEFER DREW ON DIA INPUT TO NATO SITCEN).
- G. REPORT RECEIVED THAT BULGARIAN ARMED FORCES ON ALERT WITH TROOP MOVEMENTS OBSERVED NEAR GREEK/BULGARIAN BORDER.
- H. SUMMARY OF SOVIET/UK/US NAVAL ACTIVITY IN MEDITERRANEAN (INFORMATION WAS INCOMPLETE AND BEHIND TIMES).
- I. TURKISH FORCES ASSIGNED TO NATO REVERTED TO NATIONAL COMMAND AM JULY 20.
- J. UNITS OF GREEK ARMY MOVING TOWARD THRACE BORDER WITH SECRET

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TURKEY.

3. HILL-NORTON MADE THREE COMMENTS FOLLOWING BRIEFING:
- A. WARSAW PACT MIGHT SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT OR HELP OWN NATIONALS IN ENGAGED COUNTRIES.
 - B. THREE NATO MEMBERS ARE ALSO CENTO MEMBERS AND HE FELT SURE THESE NATIONS HAVE THE FACT WELL IN MIND.
 - C. ANY WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES WEAKENS NATO'S POSTURE. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ON SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES.

4. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) LED CRITICAL DISCUSSION ABOUT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN WITHDRAWING FORCES ASSIGNED TO NATO AND USE OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED NATIONS FOR NATO DEFENSE PURPOSES. HILL-NORTON QUOTED PERTINENT SECTIONS OF MC 57/3 ABOUT PROCEDURES TO BE

FOLLOWED IN WITHDRAWING FORCES.

5. RUMSFELD (US) RESPONDED TO EARLIER QUESTION CONCERNING EVACUATION OF NON-COMBATANTS PER TELECON WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, BY MAKING FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE. CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF EVACUATION OF NON-COMBATANTS

THAT WERE RAISED IN OUT MEETING THIS MORNING BY AMBASSADORS SVART AND DE STAERCKE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL, I HAVE CONTACTED WASHINGTON AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY AS FOLLOWS:

SO FAR AS AMERICAN NATIONALS ARE CONCERNED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN CYPRUS HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS ON THE EVACUATION QUESTION. THUS FAR I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS THOUGHT IT MORE DANGEROUS TO ATTEMPT AN EVACUATION THAN TO HAVE AMERICAN CITIZENS REMAIN IN CYPRUS. HOWEVER, I HAVE RECENTLY SEEN A REPORT FROM CYPRUS, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCURATE, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT WORK IS UNDERWAY TO ACHIEVE A CEASE FIRE IN NICOSIA THIS AFTERNOON. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF A CEASE FIRE IS ACHIEVED AND HOLDS HIS EMBASSY WILL THEN EXPLORE WITH THE UN AND WITH THE BRITISH THE FEASIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING SAFE CONDUCT FOR EVACUEES EITHER TO AN AIRPORT OT SOME OTHER OOCATION. I AM ADVISED THAT ALLIED EMBASSIES IN CYPRUS CAN BE IN TOUCH WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IF THEY DESIRE INFORMATION ABOUT EVACUATION. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT THE US CANNOT AT THIS TIME OF COURSE MAKE ANY GUARANTEE THAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED. I AM ADVISED THAT YOUR EMBASSIES CAN BE IN TOUCH WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IF THERE IS A MATTER IN WHICH
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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE OF ASSISTANCE. THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HOLD TURE WITH RESPECT TO ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING GREECE OR TURKEY. THE PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSIES TO EXERCISE A COORDINATING ROLE AS FAR AS AMERICAN NATIONALS ARE CONCERNED AND ANY INQUIRIES FROM OTHER NATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THEM. I HAVE ASKED MY GOVERNMENT TO KEEP ME INFORMED ON THIS MATTER. END QUOTE.

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6. SVART (DENMARK) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US WORK AND QUICK RESPONSE. KRAPF (FRG) REPORTED HE HAD HEARD ON GERMAN RADIO THAT SOME 1200 GERMAN TOURISTS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED BY COMMERCIAL AIR FROM NICOSIA THIS MORNING (JULY 20) AND WONDERED IF THE US HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING EVACUATIONS TAKING PLACE. RUMSFELD NOTED THAT IN HIS VIEW SEVERAL ISSUES ARE INVOLVED IN EVACUATION OF NON-COMBATANTS, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF NON-COMBATANTS; WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED BY COUNTRY AND SECTOR; THE METHODS AVAILABLE FOR EVACUATION; WHETHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY, LAND, SEA OR AIR WHAT NATIONS HAVE THE CAPABILITY; AND WHEN NATIONS MAKE THE DECISION TO USE THAT CAPABILITY. THE US HAS NOT USED TO MY KNOWLEDGE
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MILITARY LAND, SEA OR AIR EVACUATION, IN RESPONSE TO KRAPF'S QUESTION IT SEEMS REASONABLE THAT NON-COMBATANTS MAY HAVE ALREADY USED NON-MILITARY MEANS TO EVACUATE THEMSELVES. RESPONDING TO KRAPF MENZIES (CANADA) DOUBTED THAT ANY FLIGHTS COULD HAVE LEFT NICOSIA AIRPORT THIS MORNING AND SVART REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF DANISH TOURISTS HAVE EVACUATED CYPRUS OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS BY CIVILIAN MEANS, AS RUMSFELD SUGGESTED.

7. SVART THEN PROPOSED THAT NATIONS POOL ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT EVACUATION OF NON-COMBATANTS. SYG LUNS AGREED AND DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL STAFF DEFENSE PLANNING & POLICY DIVISION TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION. LUNS ASKED THAT GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION. GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

8. LOGAN (UK) THEN AMPLIFIED HIS REMARKS MADE EARLIER TODAY AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE BRITISH WERE REINFORCING THEIR BASES WITH COMMANDOS. ONLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE BASES AND UK PERSONNEL.

9. DE ROSE (FRANCE) REPORTED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM FRENCH EMBASSY-ATHENS THAT THE GREEK RADIO HAD ANNOUNCED GENERAL MOBILIZATION. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT PROCEDURES THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO INFORM NATO OF SUCH MOBILIZATION, DE ROSE REPORTED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO GREECE AND TURKEY WHICH WILL FULLY SUPPORT THE UK INITIATIVE CONCERNING A HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE IN LONDON. PARA 3 REFTTEL REFERS.

10. LUNS CONCLUDED MEETING ANNOUNCING THAT COUNCIL WOULD MEET AGAIN AT HIS CALL ON TWO-HOUR NOTICE.
RUMSFELD.

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